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HIGHWAY AGENTS and
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
Town of
Strafford,
New Hampshire

for the
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

MAURICE H. CASWELL HARRY G. PARSHLEY
CLYDE S. GRAY

Town Clerk

TRESSA P. NELSON

Treasurer

ROLAND S. BROWN

Tax Collector

FRED E. HUCKINS

Moderator

VIRGIL F. SCRIBNER

Supervisor of Check List

WILLIS BENNETT ESTHER HENDERSON
ROSCOE NELSON

Health Officer

ALBERT LEIGHTON

Auditors

ALBERT BROWN MERLE PENNEY

School Board

MADALEEN LEIGHTON THETIS SCRUTON
HELEN BROWN

School Treasurer

ESTHER HENDERSON

School Auditors

JOHN SCRIBNER

WALTON STILES

Trustee of Trust Funds

CHESTER SCRUTON

OSCAR PRATT

PHILIP STEDMAN

Librarian

RUTH HUCKINS

Library Trustees

MARTHA Z. BENNETT

ELLEN STILES

HATTIE FOSS

Fire Warden

VIRGIL SCRIBNER

Deputies

CLYDE S. GRAY

HARRY G. PARSHLEY

GEORGE LEIGHTON

ARTHUR TASKER

Highway Agent

E. GUY HUCKINS

Representative to General Court

ALBERT H. BROWN

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Strafford on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Public Welfare including Old Age Assistance and Soldiers' Aid.
4. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
5. To see if the town will vote to accept the fifteen foot wide private way, known as Lake View Avenue and now owned by Harold W. Brown and Bessie M. Brown of Strafford and running from Water Street, so called, southerly up the hill to the end of said Brown's property, as presently laid-out. (By petition).
6. To see if the town will vote to accept a private way (previously graded and graveled at the expense of the owner and adjacent property owners) extending from the cellar hole in Brown's Pasture, so called, and running thence to Bow Lake and along the rear of property of camp owners to the boundry line of property of Brown and Caverly as plotted and laid out, and as described in Warranty Deed of Gift in fee simple previously tendered to the town by the owners. (By Petition).
7. To see if the town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$912.40.

8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 the town's share for State Aid Construction of Parker Mt. Road.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$200.00) for repairs to the Town Hall and extra money needed for shingling.

10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for a better fire truck for Crown Point.

11. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

12. To see if the town will accept the report of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee and raise and appropriate any money for the same.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$97.00) for the Lakes Region Association.

14. To see if the town will grant a two percent discount on property taxes paid in full within thirty days of date of issue of collector's warrant.

15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

16. To see if the town wishes to take any action in regard to zoning the town.

17. To hear the report of the special committee on camp roads and see what action the Town wishes to take.

18. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 13th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
CLYDE S. GRAY,

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Selectmen of Strafford.
MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
CLYDE S. GRAY,
Selectmen of Strafford.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings		\$866,140.00
Mature Wood and Timber		1,500.00
Electric Plants		77,007.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	51	3,555.00
Cows	234	33,115.00
Other Neat Stock	51	4,815.00
Sheep and Goats	71	980.00
Hogs	6	250.00
Fowls	6,885	6,885.00
Boats and Launches	17	750.00
Portable Mills	3	2,000.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		8,530.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		800.00
Stock in Trade		2,550.00
Aqueducts		1,000.00
Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions Allowed		\$1,009,877.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind		41,175.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$ 968,702.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue,
January 1, 1953

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,805.27	\$ 1,805.27	\$ 1,805.27
Savings Bank Tax	68.35	77.15	77.15
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber For Fighting Forest Fires	4,679.37	2,648.13 118.70	2,648.13
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	275.00	252.86	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	5.50	4.50	10.00
Interest Received on Taxes	20.00	17.12	20.00
Other Revenues	100.00	99.15	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,400.00	2,549.62	2,500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	720.00	720.00	720.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	13.75	13.75	13.75
		2,031.14	2,031.14
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$10,087.24	\$ 8,306.25	\$10,025.44
Amount to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			56,057.29
Total Revenues			\$66,082.73

OF STRAFFORD, N. H.

Ensuing Year January 1, 1953, to December 31, 1954
 Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year
 to December 31, 1953

	Appro- priations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expendi- tures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expendi- tures Ensuing Year 1954
PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES			
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,437.74	\$ 2,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00	1,003.74	1,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses		88.50	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	250.00	236.73	300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	24.50	6.00	25.00
Fire Department	300.00	417.70	350.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	
Crown Point Fire House	320.80	320.80	
Repairs	450.00		200.00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	8.00	3.00	8.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	100.00	82.00	100.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,000.00	6,919.69	6,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	4,000.00	5,048.20	4,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00	960.41	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	898.29	898.29	912.40
Libraries	42.50	42.50	42.50
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,200.00	442.57	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	2,800.00	2,171.55	2,400.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day	75.00	58.30	75.00
Soldiers Memorial	500.00		
Recreation:			
Regional Association	90.00	90.00	97.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans Tax Loan	173.00	173.00	173.00
On Long Term Notes	45.00	32.77	25.00
On Principal of Trust Funds Used By Town	160.00	160.00	160.00
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	1,500.00		7,500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,294.88	3,294.88	3,294.88
School Taxes	33,121.57	35,500.00	33,369.95
Total Expenditures	\$61,028.54	\$63,288.37	\$66,082.73

AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RATES

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$73,620.00
R.E.A.	3,387.00
	\$77,007.00

Amount of Property valuation exempted to veterans	\$41,075.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to blind	100.00
	\$41,175.00

Number of inventories distributed	700
Number of inventories returned	300
Number of veterans who received property exemption	45
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	55

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
CLYDE S. GRAY,

Selectmen of Strafford.

August 18, 1953

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	75.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	250.00
Police Department	24.50
Fire Department	300.00
Blister Rust — Moth Extermination	400.00
Health Department	100.00
Vital Statistics	8.00
State Aid Construction	1,500.00
Town Road Aid	898.29
Town Maintenance	10,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00
Libraries	42.50
Old Age Assistance	2,800.00
Public Relief	1,200.00
Memorial Day, Veterans' Association,	
Old Home Day	75.00
Soldiers' Memorial	500.00
Shingle Town Hall	450.00
Crown Point Firehouse	320.80
Advertising and Regional Associations	90.00
Payments on Debt	1,045.00
Interest on Tax Note	173.00
School Tax	33,121.57
County Tax	3,294.88

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$60,868.54
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Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	1,805.27
Savings Bank Tax	68.35
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of	
Growing Wood and Timber	4,679.37

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,400.00	
Dog Licenses	275.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	5.50	
Int. on Taxes and Income from		
Trust Funds	20.00	
Other Revenue	100.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		9,553.49
		\$51,515.05
Plus Overlay		753.65
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$52,268.70
Less: 360 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$720.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	13.75	
		733.75
Amount to be raised by property taxes on		
which tax rate is to be figured		\$51,534.95
Taxes to be Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes		\$51,534.95
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		720.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		13.75
Total Taxes to be Committed		\$52,268.70
Tax rate — Town		\$5.32

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts and Disbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	2,200.00	226.50	2,200.00	2,437.74	222.75	237.74
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00		1,226.50	1,003.75		
Election and Registration	75.00		75.00	88.50		13.50
Town Hall	250.00		250.00	236.73	13.27	
Fire Dept.	300.00	118.70	418.70	417.70	1.00	
Police	24.50		24.50	6.00	18.50	
Blister Rust Control	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Health Dept.	100.00		100.00	82.00	18.00	
Vital Statistics	8.00		8.00	3.00	5.00	
State Aid Construction	1,500.00		1,500.00	898.29		
Town Road Aid	898.29		898.29	13,353.30	21.59	
Highway Maintenance	11,000.00	2,374.89	13,374.89	42.50		
Libraries	42.50		42.50	42.50		
Old Age Assistance	2,800.00	18.75	2,818.75	2,171.55	647.20	
Public Welfare	1,200.00	60.00	1,260.00	442.57	817.43	
Soldiers' Memorial	500.00		500.00			
Memorial Day	75.00		75.00	58.30	16.70	
Crown Point Fire House	320.80	51.65	372.45	372.45		
Appro. to Shingle Town Hall	450.00		450.00			
Lakes Region Ass'n.	90.00		90.00	90.00		
Interest	218.00		218.00	365.77		147.77
Payment on Notes	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
County Tax	3,294.88		3,294.88	3,294.88		
School Tax	33,121.57		33,121.57	33,121.57		
	\$ 60,868.54	\$ 2,850.49	\$ 63,719.03	\$ 59,886.70	\$ 1,781.44	\$ 399.01
					399.01	
					\$ 1,382.43	

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
CLYDE S. GRAY, Selectmen.
ROLAND S. BROWN, Treasurer.

 Assets

Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$22,027.00
In hands of treasurer, 4 — \$1,000 Series	
“G” Bonds	4,000.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	2,092.25
Levy of 1952	1,230.02
Levy of 1951	945.53
Previous Years	283.34
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	263.48
Levy of 1952	68.00
Levy of 1951	60.00
Previous Years	
State Head Taxes — Levy of 1953	425.00
Total Assets	\$31,394.62
Grand Total	\$31,394.62
Net Debt — December 31, 1952	2,579.22
Surplus, December 31, 1953	131.95
Decrease of Debt	\$ 2,711.17

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Soldiers' Memorial Fund	\$ 5,525.00
Town Dump	300.00
1953 Appropriation for shingling Town Hall	450.00
State Head Taxes — 1953	630.00
Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation	18,121.57

State and Town Joint Highway
Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	1,500.00
Bridge Note No. 2 \$1,000.00 at 2½%, Due Dec. 10, 1954	1,000.00

Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used by Town: Austin Fund	4,000.00
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$31,526.57</u>
Excess of assets	131.95
Grand Total	<u>\$31,394.62</u>

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

 Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year, 1953	\$50,646.99
Poll Taxes, Current Year, Regular at \$2, 1953	508.00
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1953	13.75
Yield Taxes, 1953	2,014.84
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1953	1,655.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$54,838.58
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes, Pre- vious Years	2,179.17
Poll Taxes, 62, Previous Years, Regu- lar at \$2	124.00
State Head Taxes at \$5, Previous Years	405.00
Interest received on Taxes	17.12
Penalties on State Head Taxes	37.50
Tax sales redeemed	1,957.21

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:

For Town Road Aid	5,988.63
For Class V Highway maintenance	2,374.89
Interest and dividend tax	1,805.27
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	77.15
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Grow- ing Wood and Timber	2,648.13
Bounties	8.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	18.75

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	349.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	4.50
Rent of town property	23.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952	
Permits	39.11

Registration of motor vehicles, 1953	
Permits	2,737.01
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	14,500.00
Insurance adjustments	6.00
Refunds, C. P. Fire Dept.	51.65
Gifts	1.00
Interest on Government Bonds	100.00
Reimbursement, Sanford Fire	118.70
Treas. U. S. A., Trembley Case	60.00
Culvert	14.40
Discount on 1952 Taxes	552.47
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$15,404.22
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$91,036.24
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	16,965.06
Grand Total	\$108,001.30

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,437.74
Town officers' expenses	1,003.74
Election and registration expenses	88.50
Expenses town hall and other buildings	236.74
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	6.00
Spec. Fire	372.44
Fire department, including forest fires	417.70
Moth extermination — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	400.00
Bounties	23.00
Damage by dogs	96.14
Health:	
Health department, including hospitals	82.00
Vital statistics	3.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	6,886.92
Town Maintenance	
Summer	6,919.69
Winter	5,048.20
General Expenses of Highway Department	960.41

Libraries:

Libraries	42.50
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	2,171.55
Town poor	442.57

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	58.30
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Associations	90.00
Taxes bought by town	2,162.57
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	1,415.21

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$ 3,667.78
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Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 173.00
Paid on long term notes	32.77
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	160.00

Total Interest Payments	365.77
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Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:

New equipment:

Highway	\$ 425.00
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Total Outlay Payments	425.00
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Indebtedness :

Total Indebtedness Payments	<u>15,500.00</u>
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	1,665.24
Taxes paid to County	3,294.88
Payments to School Districts	<u>33,358.49</u>
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	<u>38,318.61</u>
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$ 85,974.30
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	<u>22,027.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$108,001.30</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 3,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Equipment Highway Department,	2,000.00
Materials and Supplies	1,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
James B. Greene, Land, 5 Acres	50.00
Joseph Caverly, Land, 3 Acres	30.00
Walter Gilbert, Land, 12 Acres	100.00
Frank Mooers, Land, 3 Acres	15.00
Georgia Sargent, Place, 25 Acres	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 26,195.00</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

<u>Receipts</u>	
1952 dog licenses	\$ 8.00
1953 dog licenses	341.00
	\$ 349.00
1952 auto permits	39.11
1953 auto permits	2,737.04
	<u>2,776.15</u>
	\$ 3,125.15

<u>Disbursements</u>	
1952 dog licenses	\$ 8.00
1953 dog licenses	341.00
	\$ 349.00
1952 auto permits	39.11
1953 auto permits	2,737.01
	<u>2,776.12</u>
On hand	.03
	<u>\$ 3,125.15</u>

TRESSA P. NELSON,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

 Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1953	\$ 16,965.06
Receipts, 1953	91,036.24
	\$108,001.30

Payments

Payments, 1953	\$ 85,974.30
Balance, December 31, 1953	22,027.00
	\$108,001.30

On hand four \$1,000 United States Savings Bonds,
Series G.

ROLAND S. BROWN,

Treasurer.

 STATEMENT OF LONG TERM NOTES

December 31, 1953

Note No.	Date of Issue	Original Amount	Rate of Interest	Date of Maturity
2	May 24, 1952	\$1,000.00	2½ %	Dec. 10, 1954

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FRED E. HUCKINS, Collector

Poll, Property and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1953

Dr.

Property Taxes	\$ 51,534.93
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	13.75
Added Property Taxes	38.24
Poll Taxes	720.00
Yield Taxes	2,031.24
Interest Collected	17.12
Total	<u>\$ 54,355.28</u>

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$ 50,864.76
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	13.75
Uncollected Property Taxes	101.08
Added Taxes	38.24
Abatements	26.80
Discounts	542.29
Interest	17.12
Poll Taxes Collected	574.00
Poll Taxes Uncollected	146.00
Yield Taxes Collected	2,014.84
Yield Taxes Uncollected	16.40
	<u>\$ 54,355.28</u>

State Head Tax
Levy of 1953

Dr.

Original Warrant	\$ 2,080.00
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Penalties	5.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,085.00</u>

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Head Tax	\$ 1,655.00
Penalties	5.00
Uncollected Head Taxes	425.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,085.00</u>

State Head Tax
Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 405.00
Penalties	32.50
Total	<u>\$ 437.50</u>

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer, 1953:	
Head Taxes	\$ 325.00
Penalties	32.50
Abatements	80.00
Total	<u>\$ 437.50</u>

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1952

Uncollected Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1953

Dr.

Uncollected Property Tax	\$ 16.89
Uncollected Poll Tax	184.00
Uncollected Added Yield Tax	23.67
Uncollected Yield Tax	1,187.28
Total	<u>\$ 1,411.84</u>

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Property Tax	\$ 12.52
Abatements, Property Tax	4.37
Poll Tax	116.00
Poll Tax Uncollected	68.00
Yield Tax	1,038.23
Yield Tax Added	23.67
Yield Tax Abated	149.05
Total	<u>\$ 1,411.84</u>

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1951

Uncollected Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1953

Dr.

Uncollected Property Tax	\$	13.83
Uncollected Yield Tax		46.40
Uncollected Poll Tax		62.00
Total	\$	122.23

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Tax Abated	\$	13.83
Yield Tax Abated		46.40
Poll Tax Collected		2.00
Uncollected Poll Tax		60.00
Total	\$	122.23

Poll Tax

Levy of 1950

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1953		
Poll Taxes	\$	6.00

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:		
Poll Taxes	\$	6.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Local Taxes Current Year, 1953

July	6	Fred E. Huckins, N.B.S. Tax	\$	13.75
Aug.	1	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		34.92
Sept.	5	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		30.87
Sept.	19	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		3,135.67
Sept.	26	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		6,471.63
Oct.	3	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		3,985.73
Oct.	8	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		6,285.78
Oct.	13	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		7,647.11
Nov.	3	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		3,487.79
Nov.	7	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		969.04
Nov.	24	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		4,367.40
Dec.	1	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		8,646.29
Dec.	5	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		1,869.40
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		1,012.26
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins Taxes		
		Sold Town		1,977.96
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, Property		26.80
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Discounts		542.29
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Property		90.05
				\$ 50,594.74

Polls

July	6	Fred E. Huckins	\$	70.00
Aug.	1	Fred E. Huckins		62.00
Sept.	5	Fred E. Huckins		50.00
Sept.	26	Fred E. Huckins		66.00
Oct.	13	Fred E. Huckins		54.00
Nov.	3	Fred E. Huckins		48.00
Nov.	7	Fred E. Huckins		18.00
Nov.	24	Fred E. Huckins		54.00
Dec.	1	Fred E. Huckins		122.00
Dec.	5	Fred E. Huckins		12.00
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins		18.00
				\$ 574.00

Property and Polls, Previous Years

Feb.	7	Fred E. Huckins		
		1952 Discount and Abatements	\$	552.47
Mar.	7	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Polls		40.00
Apr.	4	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Polls		32.00
May	2	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Polls		8.00
Aug.	1	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Polls		18.00
Dec.	23	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Property		891.10
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1950 Polls		6.00
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1951 Polls		2.00
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Property		12.52
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1951 Property		13.83
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Property		4.37
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Polls		18.00
				\$ 1,598.29

Tax Sales Redeemed

Feb.	7	Fred E. Hutchins	\$	455.53
Mar.	7	Fred E. Huckins		151.27
Apr.	4	Fred E. Huckins		201.67
May	2	Fred E. Huckins		28.59
Aug.	1	Fred E. Huckins		392.87
Sept.	26	Fred E. Huckins		161.27
Nov.	3	Fred E. Huckins		306.69
Nov.	24	Fred E. Huckins		65.11
Dec.	5	Fred E. Huckins		68.52
Dec.	23	Fred E. Huckins		58.85
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins		66.84
				\$ 1,957.21

Interest Received on Taxes

Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins	\$	17.12
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Yield Taxes

Feb.	7	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	\$	229.29
Mar.	2	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax		44.24
Apr.	4	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax		265.20
Sept.	26	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax		523.17
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Abatement		149.05
				\$ 1,210.95

1953

Dec. 23	Fred E. Huckins	\$ 1,719.93
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	124.60
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	170.31

		\$ 2,014.84
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, 1951 Abate.	\$ 46.40

From State of N. H.

Mar. 7	Reimbursement Bounties	\$ 8.00
July 23	Gas Tax	2,374.89
July 23	T. R. A.	5,988.63
Aug. 1	Interest and Dividend Tax	1,805.27
Nov. 7	Remittance, O. A. A.	18.75
Dec. 31	Remittance, Yield Tax	2,648.13
Dec. 31	Savings Bank Tax	77.15
		\$ 12,920.82

Head Taxes

Feb. 7	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	45.00
Feb. 7	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Penalties	4.50
Mar. 7	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	60.00
Mar. 7	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Penalties	6.00
Apr. 4	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	110.00
Apr. 4	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Penalties	11.00
May 2	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	25.00
May 2	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Penalties	2.50
Aug. 1	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	55.00
Aug. 1	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Penalties	5.50
Sept. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax	10.00
Sept. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Penalties	1.00
Aug. 28	Fred E. Huckins, 1952 Tax & Penalties	22.00
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Tax Abated	80.00
July 6	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	190.00
Aug. 1	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	170.00
Sept. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	145.00
Sept. 26	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	180.00
Oct. 3	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	35.00
Oct. 13	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	110.00
Nov. 3	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	150.00

Nov.	7	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	55.00
Nov.	24	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	180.00
Dec.	1	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	355.00
Dec.	5	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax	35.00
Dec.	31	Fred E. Huckins, 1953 Tax & Penalties	55.00
			\$ 2,097.50

Charity

Dec.	31	U. S. Naval Base	\$ 1.00
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From Local Sources Except Taxes

Dog Licenses

Apr.	4	Tressa P. Nelson, 1952 Dogs	\$ 20.00
Dec.	31	Tressa P. Nelson, 1952 Dogs	4.00
Aug.	1	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Dogs	94.00
Oct.	3	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Dogs	229.00
Dec.	5	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Dogs	2.00
			\$ 349.00

Business Licenses and Permits

Apr.	4	Selectmen	\$.50
May	2	Merle Penney	.50
July	6	Peter Braase	.50
Oct.	3	Everett Yeaton	.50
Nov.	7	Albert Turgeon	.50
Dec.	31	Selectmen	2.00
			\$ 4.50

Rent of Town Hall

Jan.	24	N-H Club	\$ 5.00
Mar.	7	N-H Club	5.00
Mar.	7	4-H Club	3.00
May	2	N-H Club	10.00
			\$ 23.00

Registration of Motor Vehicles

Feb.	7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1952 Auto	30.14
Feb.	7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	198.75

Mar.	7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1952 Auto	8.97
Mar.	7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	382.38
Apr.	4	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	1,245.80
Aug.	1	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	245.24
Oct.	3	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	270.97
Nov.	7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	318.09
Dec.	5	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	28.20
Dec.	31	Tressa P. Nelson, 1953 Auto	47.58

\$ 2,776.12

Paid Tressa P. Nelson, 453
Permits

\$ 226.50

Actual Revenue from Motor
Vehicle Tax

\$ 2,549.62

Receipts, Other Than Current Revenue

Interest on Bonds

Feb.	7	Treas., U.S.A.	\$ 25.00
Mar.	7	Treas., U.S.A.	12.50
July	6	Treas., U.S.A.	12.50
Aug.	1	Treas., U.S.A.	25.00
Sept.	9	Treas., U.S.A.	12.50
Dec.	31	Treas., U.S.A.	12.50
			\$ 100.00

Reimbursements

Feb.	2	Lloyd & Mavis Sanford Fire	\$ 118.70
Mar.	7	Treas., U. S. Lump sum death benefit	60.00
Apr.	4	Lester Huckins, Culverts	14.40
Dec.	31	Frank L. Kendall Agency, Prem. Refund	6.00
Dec.	31	Crown Point Fire Dept., Overdraft	51.65
			\$ 250.75

Temporary Loans

May	2	Merchants Nat. Bank, Tax Loan	\$ 14,500.00
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENT

Town Officers' Salaries

Harry G. Parshley, Selectman	\$ 625.00
Maurice H. Caswell, Selectman	611.00
Clyde S. Gray, Selectman	399.00
Tressa P. Nelson, Clerk	75.00
Fred E. Huckins, Collector	587.74
Roland S. Brown, Treasurer	100.00
Albert H. Brown, Auditor	20.00
Merle D. Penney, Auditor	20.00
	\$ 2,437.74

Town Officers' Expenses

Maurice H. Caswell, use of car, tel. and expense	\$ 37.50
Clyde S. Gray, use of car, tel. and expense	18.10
Harry G. Parshley, use of car, tel. and expense	47.69
Tressa P. Nelson, supplies, tel. etc.	239.75
Fred E. Huckins, expense as collector	28.00
C. M. Hill, supplies	29.06
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	47.62
Linnell Press, 1952 Report	297.00
Frank L. Kendall Agency (officers' bonds)	85.00
Frank L. Kendall Agency, money policy	
treasurer and collector	101.18
Ethel G. Waldron Probate Notices	.40
Anna M. Dube, transfer cards and mortgage report	40.39
N. H. Assessors' Association, dues	3.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, dues	3.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills, etc.	19.05
U. S. Auto Guide	7.00
	\$ 1,003.75
Credit for Clerk Issuing Auto Permits	226.50
Actual Expense	\$ 777.25

Election and Registration

Record Press, ballots	\$	9.50
Virgil Scribner, Moderator		8.00
Henry Hayes, ballot clerk		8.00
Arthur Hayes, ballot clerk		8.00
Hattie Foss, ballot clerk		8.00
Roscoe Nelson, supervisor		17.00
Esther Henderson, supervisor		15.00
Willis Bennett, supervisor		15.00
	\$	88.50

Town Hall

Strafford County Gas Co.	\$	105.60
Public Service Co. of N. H.		25.85
N. E. Tel & Tel. Co.		55.18
Strafford Mutual Fire Ins. Co.		16.50
Harry G. Parshley (supplies)		10.50
Clyde S. Gray (fuel)		18.00
Rochester Courier		5.60
	\$	236.73

Police

Dec. 31	Harry G. Parshley	\$	6.00
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Fire

Feb. 7	C. M. Hill & Sons	\$	2.15
	Roger E. Page		25.25
	Frank L. Kendall Agency		7.50
	Public Service Co.		5.40
Mar. 7	Public Service Co.		2.01
Apr. 4	Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.	130.50	
	Tri-State Gas & Supply Co.		1.80
	Public Service Co.		1.80
	Roger Page		24.80
May 2	Public Service Co. of N. H.		1.80
July 6	C.M. Hill & Sons		1.70
	Public Service Co. of N. H.		3.60
Aug. 1	Public Service Co. of N. H.		5.37
	Bunnell's Garage		1.69
Aug. 7	Virgil Scribner, warden		35.20

Oct.	3	Bunnell's Garage	4.50
		Frank L. Kendall Agency	92.00
Nov.	7	C. M. Hill & Sons	3.21
		Bunnell's Garage	1.00
Dec.	5	Public Service Co. of N. H.	5.25
		Ayers & Jenkins Co.	8.24
		Bunnell's Garage	9.43
Dec.	31	Signal Auto Supply Co. (battery)	29.80
		Public Service Co. of N. H.	3.50
		Harry G. Parshley	11.00
			\$ 417.70

SPECIAL FIRE APP.

Crown Point			
May	2	Harold Yeaton, oil burner	\$ 50.00
		Rudolph Urlau, wiring	24.79
July	6	Rudolph Urlau, wiring	92.04
Aug.	1	H. P. Whitcher & Son, supplies	68.11
Sept.	1	H. P. Whitcher & Son, supplies	15.16
Oct.	3	Leopold Allard	8.00
		Austin-Cates Academy	17.35
Dec.	10	Merrimack Farmer's Ex. Inc.	
		(P. Door)	97.00
			\$ 372.45
Received from C. Point Fire Co.			51.65

1953 App. \$ 320.80

White Pine Blister Rust Control

June	6	William H. Messeck Jr.	\$ 400.00
1953 App.			

Bounties

Paid out during year \$ 23.00

Damage By Dogs

May	2	Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	\$ 7.22
		Norman Gumes	8.75
June	9	Wallace J. Rowe	2.00
Sept.	5	Wheeler & Clark	7.22
Oct.	3	Clarence Rowe	2.00
Oct.	8	Brown & Saltmarsh	3.25

Nov. 7	Allain's	1.75
	Roscoe Nelson	36.15
Dec. 5	Clarence Rowe	2.00
Dec. 31	Tressa P. Nelson	25.80

\$ 96.14

Health Dept. (Dumps)

Aug. 15	Tarker Bros. (Caswell dump)	
	Dozer 2 hrs.	\$ 16.00
	Tarker Bros.	
	Shovel 4 hrs. (Thurston dump)	34.00
	Dozer 4 hrs.	32.00
		\$ 82.00

Vital Statistics

Dec. 31	Tressa P. Nelson	\$ 3.00
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HIGHWAYS

Summer

May 2	E. Guy Huckins	\$ 211.00
	Albert Huse Jr.	29.70
	Victor Huse	7.20
	Ernest Tiede	15.00
	Arthur Tasker	8.85
	W. C. Demeritt	13.30
	Frank Yeaton	14.40
	Herbert Clark	7.20
	Alberton Berry	52.40
	John Kelly	22.50
	Albert Foss	7.20
	Harold Tasker	12.60
	Alice Tasker	5.85
	Lester Huckins	14.50
	Lewis Hanson	56.70
	Glen Hanson	29.70
	Albert Leighton	1.50
	David Caverly	1.35
	Lawrence Brown	1.40
	Francis & Roscoe Tasker	48.00
June 6	Kenneth Allen, sand	138.87
	Maurice Caswell	82.20

		Tasker Bros.	69.00
		E. Guy Huckins	246.50
		Albert Huse	12.00
		Victor Huse	3.60
		Wendell Huse	1.80
		Albert Huse Jr.	26.10
		F. J. Berry	31.20
		Albert Foss	156.60
		Frank Yeaton	7.20
		Herbert Clark	5.40
		Clyde Huse	3.60
		W. Beals	6.30
		Calvin Swain	23.10
		Alberton Berry	139.20
June	9	Bunnell's Garage	22.34
July	6	C. M. Hill & Sons	56.03
		E. Guy Huckins	179.00
		Albert Foss	142.20
		W. C. Demeritt	16.00
		Merle Lund	2.70
		Fred Vroman	77.40
		Lewis Hanson	9.00
Aug.	1	Town of Barrington, cold patch	63.00
		Ayers & Jenkins, spikes	13.50
		E. Guy Huckins	178.00
		Albert Foss	71.10
		Robert Merrill	2.00
		H. Hammersmith	2.00
		Fred Vroman	72.00
		Lewis Hanson	49.50
		Glen Hanson	13.50
		John Murray	19.80
		C. M. Hill & Sons	29.20
		Bunnell's Garage	2.99
		Carl Caverly	25.50
		Maurice Caswell	26.00
Sept.	5	C. M. Hill & Sons	52.68
		E. Guy Huckins	259.50
		Fred Vroman	52.20
		H. Hammersmith	22.00
		Albert Foss	163.10
		Burton Hayes	107.10
		Fred E. Huckins, plank	242.76
Oct.	3	C. M. Hill	39.03
		E. Guy Huckins	230.50

	Albert Foss	93.60
	Burton Hayes	36.00
	Arthur Dunley	36.00
	Fred Vroman	7.20
	Charles Streeter	3.60
	Maurice Caswell	20.00
Nov. 7	C. M. Hill	49.45
	Granite State Asphalt Co.	26.22
	Kenneth Allen, gravel	12.39
	E. Guy Huckins	180.70
	Albert Foss	85.50
	Arthur Dunley	18.00
	Fred Vroman	72.00
	Frank Yeaton	21.60
	Clyde S. Gray	53.05
	Winfield Frost	14.40
	Oscar Pratt	10.00
Dec. 10	New England Metal Culvert Co.	462.04
Dec. 31	Ivan Gilman, plank	124.60
	Clyde Guptil	48.17
	Fred Bartlett	13.50
	John Tasker	10.35
	Norris Littlefield	9.20
	Town of Northwood	11.00
	Treas. State of N. H.	1,706.07
	Harry G. Parshley	39.80
		\$ 6,919.69

Winter

Jan. 17	E. Guy Huckins	147.60
	Fred Hatch	9.00
	Albert Foss	10.80
	Wesley Wheeler	.90
	Herbert Clark	11.70
	Burton Hayes	7.20
	Clarence Rowe	32.40
	Sumner Hayes	5.40
	Alberton Berry	286.60
	Russell McCallister	17.10
	Maurice Caswell	169.15
	Robert Hodges	9.00
Feb. 7	Merrimack Farmers' Exc., salt	154.80
	Alberton H. Berry	170.90

	Clarence Rowe	23.40
	Burton Hayes	2.70
	Albert Foss	4.50
	Kenneth Allen	11.49
	Bunnell's Garage	10.25
	Maurice Caswell	75.90
	E. Guy Huckins	312.50
	Burton Hayes	7.20
	Herbert Clark	7.20
	Albert Foss	10.80
	Glen Hanson	35.55
	Lewis Hanson	62.25
	Richard Whitham	5.40
	A. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	50.25
	(Cutting Edges)	
	Brown's Machine Shop	53.86
	(Cutting Edges)	
Mar. 7	M. H. Caswell	99.00
	Russell McAllister	3.60
	Robert Hodges	5.85
	Alberton H. Berry	49.50
	Clarence Rowe	9.90
	E. Guy Huckins	258.60
	Albert Foss	50.50
	Burton Hayes	18.90
	Herbert Clark	8.10
	Sumner Hayes	3.60
	Albert Huse	4.50
	Albert Huse Jr.	7.20
	F. J. Berry Co.	28.00
	Lewis Hanson	40.65
	Glen Hanson	19.35
	Richard Witham	13.95
	Clyde Gray	2.70
	Winfield Frost	2.70
	Everett Yeaton	5.10
Apr. 4	E. Guy Huckins	417.30
	Albert Huse Jr.	46.80
	Burton Hayes	10.80
	Albert Foss	82.80
	Sumner Hayes	3.60
	William Nelson	3.60
	Herbert Clark	3.60
	Lewis Hanson	82.50
	Glen Hanson	32.40

		Richard Witham	10.80
		Henry Burgener	13.95
		Arthur Burgener	13.95
		Kenneth Allen (sand & gravel)	64.39
		Albert White	29.70
May	2	Bunnell's Garage	7.00
Nov.	7	Merrimack Farmers' Exc. Inc. (salt)	148.80
Dec.	5	C. M. Hill & Sons	22.52
		E. Guy Huckins	309.50
		Arthur Tasker	15.90
		Alice Tasker	9.90
		Wesley Brown	26.10
		Glen Hanson	10.80
		Lewis Hanson	88.40
		Albert Foss	102.60
		Arthur Dunley	103.20
Dec.	5	Burton Hayes	\$ 2.70
		Fred Vroman	25.20
		Frank Yeaton	21.60
		Alberton Berry	40.80
		Harold Stiles	31.20
		H. Hammersmith	4.50
		M. H. Caswell	104.05
		W. C. Demeritt	22.00
		Norman Berry	76.00
Dec.	5	Columbian Steel Co., Inc.	
		(cutting edges)	29.71
		M. H. Caswell	38.25
Dec.	31	E. Guy Huckins	361.00
		Albert Foss	27.90
		Arthur Dunley	54.90
		Herbert Clark	1.80
		Lester Huckins	9.00
		Alberton Berry	38.40
		Clarence Rowe	3.60
		C. M. Hill & Sons	6.03
		Kenneth Allen (Winter Sand)	79.75
		Lewis Hanson	14.00
		Glen Hanson	5.40
		Wesley Brown	6.30
		M. H. Caswell	40.30
		Henry Burgener	5.40
			\$ 5,048.20

General Expense

Feb.	7	Ayers & Jenkins (2 shovels)	\$ 6.20
		C. M. Hill & Sons (gas & oil)	5.11
Apr.	4	C. M. Hill & Sons	9.14
		Brown's Mach. Shop	4.00
May	2	C. M. Hill & Sons	55.77
		Bunnell's Garage	6.19
		Frank L. Kendall Agency (grader insurance)	59.75
		Brown's Mach. Shop (grader)	209.23
June	6	C. M. Hill & Sons	50.21
		Brown's Mach. Shop	14.26
		R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc. (grader)	60.11
		Charles W. Varney Co. (workmen's comp. ins.)	98.74
Aug.	1	Phillips Garage	31.40
Aug.	4	V. H. Cogswell Insurance (grader mag.)	16.63
Aug.	7	Brown's Mach. Shop	11.38
Sept.	5	Merrimack Farmers Ex. Sec. (brush cutters)	8.50
		Ayers & Jenkins Co.	7.97
		Hervey's Tire Shop (F. Tire for grader)	47.92
Oct.	3	Bunnell's Garage	24.31
		Charles W. Varney Co. (extra premium)	44.08
		V. H. Cogswell Co.	5.90
Nov.	7	Brown's Mach. Shop	53.58
		Bunnell's Garage	15.55
Dec.	5	Brown's Mach. Shop (roll & grader)	118.36
Dec.	31	V. H. Cogswell, Inc.	2.12
			\$ 960.41

Summary of Highway Account

Summer highways	\$ 6,919.69
Winter highways	5,048.20
General expense	960.41
Power sander	425.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 13,353.30
1953 Appropriation	\$ 11,000.00

1953 Gas Tax		2,374.89
		\$ 13,374.89
		13,353.30
Balance, Gas Tax		\$ 21.59
New Equipment		
June 6	R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Power Sander	\$ 425.00
Libraries		
Dec. 5	Ruth Huckins	\$ 42.50
	Old Age Assistance	
	Orders paid out during year	\$ 2,171.55
	Reimbursement from State of N. H.	18.75
		\$ 2,152.80
Public Welfare		
	Orders paid out during year	\$ 442.57
	Reimbursement from U.S.A.	60.00
		\$ 382.57
Memorial Day		
June 9	Albert H. Brown	\$ 27.80
	Meader's (flags)	30.50
		\$ 58.30
Regional Associations		
Oct. 3	Lakes Region Assn. (1953 App.)	\$ 90.00
Taxes Bought by Town		
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins,	
	1953 Prop. Taxes and Int.	\$ 2,058.13
	Costs	104.44
		\$ 2,162.57
Discounts and Abatements		
Jan. 22	1952 discounts on prop. taxes	\$ 552.47

Dec. 31	1953 discounts and abatements	862.74
		\$ 1,415.21

Interest

May 2	Merchants National Bank, Int. on Tax Loan	\$ 173.00
Dec. 31	Trustees of Trust Funds, Int. Austin Fund	160.00
	Merchants National Bank, Int. on Bridge Notes	32.77
		\$ 365.77

Head Taxes

Apr. 4	State of New Hampshire, 1952	\$ 231.77
Sept. 14	State of New Hampshire, 1953	444.50
Oct. 3	State of New Hampshire, 1952	102.41
	State of New Hampshire, 1953	10.00
Oct. 8	State of New Hampshire, Bal. of 1952	21.56
Dec. 5	State of New Hampshire, 1953	855.00
		\$ 1,665.24

T.R.A. Account

May 2	State of New Hampshire	\$ 6,886.92
July 23	Reimb. from State of New Hampshire	5,988.63
	1953 Appropriation	\$ 898.29

Temporary Loans

Aug. 1	Merchants National Bank	\$ 7,000.00
Dec. 5	Merchants National Bank	7,500.00
		\$ 14,500.00

Long Term Notes

Dec. 5	Merchants National Bank, No. 1 Bridge Note	\$ 1,000.00
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County Tax

Dec. 5	Treas., County of Strafford	\$ 3,294.88
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Schools

Feb. 7	Esther Henderson, school treas.	\$ 3,500.00
Mar. 28	Esther Henderson, school treas.	3,500.00
Apr. 4	Esther Henderson, school treas.	3,500.00
May 2	Esther Henderson, school treas.	3,500.00
June 6	Esther Henderson, school treas.	3,500.00
Sept. 29	Esther Henderson, school treas., Bal. 1952	858.49
	Esther Henderson, school treas.	3,000.00
Nov. 7	Esther Henderson, school treas.	4,000.00
Dec. 5	Esther Henderson, school treas.	4,000.00
Dec. 31	Esther Henderson, school treas.	4,000.00
Total Payments during year		\$ 33,358.49
Jan. 1	1953 Bal. due schools:	
	1952-53 Appropriation	\$ 18,358.49
	1953-54 School Appropriation	33,121.57
		\$ 51,480.06
Payments during 1953		33,358.49
Bal. due Schools, 1953-54 Year		\$ 18,121.57

REPORT OF AUDITORS

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk and Trustees of Trust Funds, for the year ending December 31, 1953. That in our opinion the accompanying statements of the Town Officers set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1953.

ALBERT H. BROWN

MERLE D. PENNEY

Auditors.

Strafford, New Hampshire
January 30, 1953.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Stratford, N. H., on December 31, 1953

HOW INVESTED

TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION		Whether bank deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.		Amount of Principal	Balance Beginning Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
DATE OF CREATION									
1884	Austin Fund, Austin Gate	Town Note		\$4,000.00		4	\$160.00	\$160.00	
1886	Lavina Young, Town School	U. S. Bond		1,000.00		2 1/2	25.00	25.00	
1917	Mary J. Wain, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		400.00	29.71	2 1/2	10.00	8.00	31.71
June 7 1919	Betsy Welch, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		200.00	43.45	2 1/2	5.00		48.45
June 3 1921	Nancy Perkins, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	4.08	2 1/2	2.50		6.58
Oct. 2 1921	Betsy Hawkins, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	7.51	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	7.51
Nov. 3 1921	Samuel Jenness, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		200.00	30.05	2 1/2	5.00		35.05
Nov. 7 1922	Abbie Seavey, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	15.34	2 1/2	2.50	4.00	13.84
June 6 1925	Paul Hayes, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		50.00	4.51	2 1/2	1.25		5.76
June 6 1925	John Babb, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	7.92	2 1/2	2.50		10.42
June 2 1926	Ella Waterhouse, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		200.00	30.03	2 1/2	5.00	5.00	30.03
June 2 1926	Eliza Garfield, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		150.00	22.62	2 1/2	3.75	3.00	23.37
Apr. 2 1927	D. W. Smith, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	3.15	2 1/2	2.50	3.00	2.65
Apr. 2 1927	Abbie Caverly, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	16.83	2 1/2	2.50		19.33
Apr. 2 1927	John Jewell, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	3.33	2 1/2	2.50	3.00	2.83
Apr. 2 1927	John D. Clark, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	50.45	2 1/2	2.50		52.95
Sept. 10 1930	Robert L. Foss, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	5.43	2 1/2	2.50		7.93
Sept. 2 1933	Herbert Foss, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		200.00	7.03	2 1/2	5.00	5.00	7.03
Aug. 4 1934	Ella F. Holmes, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00	2.50	2 1/2	2.50		5.00
Dec. 10 1937	Dearborn Caswell, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		200.00	30.54	2 1/2	5.00	3.00	32.54
Dec. 10 1937	James Walker, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		100.00		2 1/2	2.50	2.50	
Aug. 12 1944	Fred Stanton, Cemetery	U. S. Bond		200.00	56.50	2 1/2	5.00		61.50
Sept. 6 1950	Elizabeth Hartwell, Cemetery	Bank Deposit							
	N. H. Sav. Bank								
Mar. 5 1950	Llewellyn Ham, Cemetery	Bank Deposit		100.00			3.37		3.37
	N. H. Sav. Bank								
	Concord, N. H.			200.00			7.58		7.58
	Totals			\$8,200.00	\$368.48		\$270.95	\$224.00	\$415.43

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

December 31, 1953

OSCAR B. PRATT,
PHILIP STEDMAN,
CHESTER SCRUTON,

Trustees.

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement

1953

Town of Strafford

Town funds expended	\$398.90	
Cooperative funds expended	172.47	
Total expended		\$571.37
Town funds received	\$400.00	
Town funds expended	398.90	
Balance due town		\$1.10
Area covered	2,238	acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed	29,758	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	\$	93.78
Received from Town		42.50
Interest on bank book		2.11
Total	\$	138.39
Librarian Salary	\$	25.00
	\$	25.00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	\$	113.39
Trust fund in Rochester Trust Bank, Jan., 53	\$	1,544.06
Interest		35.58
Total Trust Fund, Jan., 54	\$	1,579.64

MRS. E. GUY HUCKINS,
Librarian.

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the ninth day of March 1954 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the district for the ensuing year, to be assessed by the selectmen less state aid and other estimated income certified by the school board.
9. To see what action the district will take in the selection of a suitable site for a new elementary school and authorize the acquisition of any real property for the location of such building.

10. To see if the district will vote to build and equip a new elementary school and to see what sum the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction, equipment and furnishing of such new elementary school and the acquisition of any real property that may be necessary for its location; and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through issuance of serial notes or Bonds upon the Credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and the time and place of payment of principal and interest in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute, N. H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendments thereto.

11. To see if the district will vote to appoint a building committee consisting of three persons to be appointed by the school district to advise with the school board in selecting a location for the new school and to supervise the construction of said building providing that the plans and specifications and the selection of a site for the new school shall finally be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law, and to further authorize the school board to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction and equipping of said school.

12. If article (10) is adopted to see if the district will vote to authorize the trustees of trust funds to pay over these accumulated funds to the school board as agents of the school district to be used in the construction of a new school building.

(Articles 9, 10, 11, and 12 by petition)

13. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate for new equipment.

14. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for interest on the debt.

SCHOOL BOARD'S COMPARATIVE BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

	1953-54	1954-55
	Adopted	Proposed
Administration:		
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 252.00	\$ 252.00
Superintendent's salary (local)	386.90	329.48
Per capita tax	364.00	332.00
Salaries other admin. personnel	221.73	205.33
Admin. Supplies and Expenses	202.42	150.00
Instructions:		
Teachers' salaries	8,023.00	7,957.50
Textbooks	225.00	350.00
Scholars' supplies	325.00	325.00
Other expenses of instruction	125.00	140.00
Operation of School Plant:		
Janitors' salaries	216.00	216.00
Fuel	600.00	600.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	135.00	180.00
Maintenance:		
Repairs and replacements	400.00	400.00
Painting	450.00	
Auxiliary Activities:		
Health supervision	400.00	400.00
Transportation	8,010.00	8,010.00
Tuition, high school	10,730.00	10,710.00
Tuition, elementary	5,376.00	6,378.75
Special activities	30.00	30.00
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement	496.00	545.81
Insurance and treasurer's bond	68.00	5.00
Contingency Fund	300.00	300.00
Total Current Expenses	\$ 37,336.05	\$ 37,816.87
Capital Outlay:		
Land and new buildings		\$ 68,000.00
New equipment		2,400.00
Total Capital Outlay		\$ 70,400.00
Debt and Interest:		
Interest on debt		2,210.00
Total Appropriation	\$ 37,336.05	\$ 110,426.87

Estimated Receipts:

Balance, first of year	\$ 2,782.15	\$ 2,034.59
State aid	1,407.33	1,407.33
Trust funds	25.00	25.00
Total (not property tax)	\$ 4,214.48	\$ 3,466.92
District Assessment	33,121.57	38,959.95
Special appropriation for elementary school (to be financed by notes, bonds, and/or capital reserve funds		68,000.00
Total Appropriation	\$ 37,336.05	\$110,426.87

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:

The September 1953 organization of the schools was as follows:

Grade	Pupils	School	School Teachers
I	15	Center	Mrs. Ada D. Hayes
II	14	Center	
III	8	Bow Lake	Mrs. Martha Z. Bennett
IV	20	Bow Lake	
V	25	Crown Point	Mrs. Hattie M. Foss
VI	13	Crown Point	
Total	95		

Music — Mrs. Sadie L. Merriam

Physical Education — Mrs. Ruth A. Holloway

Health Supervision — Miss Myrtle Fletcher

This is an increase from last year of over 6%.

Strafford pupils attending junior or senior high school were:

School	Pupils
Austin-Cate Academy (Grades VII and VIII)	23
Austin-Cate Academy (Grades IX to XII)	29
Dover High School	10
Total	62

The following figures show the estimated enrollment in each grade for the next five years, not allowing for repeaters:

	Elementary								
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot
1954	11	15	14	8	20	25	13	14	120
1955	10	11	15	14	8	20	25	13	116
1956	12	10	11	15	14	8	20	25	115
1957	14	12	10	11	15	14	8	20	104
1958	15	14	12	10	11	15	14	8	99

Strafford and Northwood, the only districts in Supervisory Union No. 44 giving examinations to under-age children for admission to Grade I, have decided to discontinue this practice. Beginners must be six years old by the following January 1, in order to enter school in September. By act of the last legislature, the compulsory school attendance law has been extended to cover ages six through sixteen. Lee has joined the Oyster River Cooperative District, No. 2, and will be replaced in this union by Milton. Strafford entertained the Joint Board of the union at Austin Hall, December 29.

The Trustees of Austin-Cate Academy have offered to reduce the tuition rate for Grades VII and VIII next year from seven-eighths to three-quarters of the high school rate. This will result in an estimated annual saving to the district of over \$1,050.00. The Academy was again host to the annual Field Day in June, under the direction of elementary physical education teacher Mrs. Holloway. Mr. Viggiano kindly assisted by operating his own tape recorder to furnish music for the marching and formations.

At the last annual district meeting, a special committee was appointed to investigate the prospects of a new elementary school. They have visited other buildings and inquired as to costs. Articles have been placed in the Warrant for this year's annual meeting, and a figure has been placed in the budget by the school board for this purpose.

Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance for One Year

Stephen Libby, Richard Omand, Marion Brown, Patricia Howard, Janet Mucher, Alan Libby, Robert Omand, David Whiteher, Ruth McLean, Elizabeth Omand, Mary Winkley, Neal Hastings, Carolyn Warner, Wendell Huse, Joseph Anthony, Lucille Hayes, Ann Omand, Joseph Corcoran, Gloria Hayes, Malcolm MacKeil, Ben Sherman, Nathaniel Smith, Ronald Riley, Edward Bishop, Philip Brook, Gertrude Lingard, Edward Perry, Ronald Thayer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER W. DOE,

Supt. of Schools.

January 26, 1954

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1952 — June 30, 1953

Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952	\$ 188.55
State Aid	1,123.56
Appropriations	35,500.00
Sale of ball	11.00
Sale of text books	15.12
Rebate from A.S.A. for Rinehart Hand-writing System	100.00
Young Fund	25.00
	\$ 36,963.23

Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Helen Brown	\$ 60.00
Madaleen Leighton	54.00
Thetis Scruton	60.00
Esther Henderson	60.00
Albert Brown	2.00
Oscar Pratt	5.00
John Scribner	2.50
Walton Stiles	2.50

\$ 246.00

Superintendent's Salary* \$ 344.89

Truant Officer:

Census	\$ 20.00
Union Secretary	101.44

\$ 121.44

Administration:

Everett Sackett	\$ 40.90
Helen Brown	25.00
Madaleen Leighton	1.25
Edson Eastman Co.	1.45
J. L. Hammett Co.	2.28
Paul Farnum	3.00

C. W. Doe	60.86
	\$ 134.74
Teachers' Salaries:	
Ada Hayes	\$ 786.40
Sadie Merriam	374.00
Margaret Coll	1,435.18
Hattie Foss	2,043.50
Martha Bennett	2,090.79
Ruth Holloway	350.00
Thelma Waterman	90.00
Florys Smith	84.00
Rinehart Handwriting System	400.00
	\$ 7,653.87
Text Books:	
Ginn & Co.	\$ 11.23
The Arlo Publishing Co.	13.41
Beckley Cardy Co.	23.78
Civic Publications	1.40
Houghton Mifflin Co.	72.61
Iroquois Publishing Co.	52.68
Laidlaw Bro.	8.56
Scott Foresman Co.	115.43
Follett Publishing Co.	3.45
D. C. Heath & Co.	34.75
Allyn & Bacon	5.73
Hall & McCreary Co.	10.20
	\$ 353.23
Scholars' Supplies:	
Thetis Scruton	\$.90
American Book Co.	17.14
American Educ. Press	31.50
Ginn & Co.	22.76
Milton Bradley Co.	70.41
J. L. Hammett Co.	62.46
Houghton Mifflin Co.	19.28
McCormick Mathers Pub. Co.	35.04
The Macmillan Co.	14.16
Charles E. Merrill Co.	2.46
Beckley-Cardy Co.	2.65

Mainco Trading Co.	17.25
	\$ 296.01
Flags and Appurtenances:	
Lewis P. Hanson	\$ 3.95
Other Expenses of Instruction:	
A. H. Rice Co., Inc.	\$ 23.50
Beckley Cardy Co.	4.75
Milton Bradley Co.	37.69
J. L. Hammett Co.	27.27
Houghton Mifflin Co.	3.72
World Book Co.	13.82
Community Sales Co.	10.25
Helen Brown	5.00
F. A. Owen Pub. Co.	10.00
Parents Institute, Inc.	9.00
	\$ 145.00
Janitor Service:	
Hattie Foss	\$ 66.00
Florys Smith	3.60
Margaret Coll	7.60
Ada Hayes	.80
James Rowe	63.60
Martha Bennett	72.00
	\$ 213.60
Fuel:	
Lewis Hanson	\$ 10.00
Pinkham's Express	15.00
Thetis Scruton	7.00
Frederick Nutter	6.00
Victor E. Page Co.	468.08
	\$ 506.08
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:	
Public Service Co.	\$ 92.75
Ayers & Jenkins	.95
Thorne Co.	1.48

Waxine Co.	6.65
Milton Bradley Co.	45.60
C. M. Hill	2.79
Thetis Scruton	.95
J. L. Hammett	34.41
	\$ 185.58

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Truman Dean	\$ 19.41
Gardner & Son	36.98
Clifford Davis	4.04
N. H. Fence Co.	58.00
Albert Leighton	3.00
Victor Huse	4.00
W. S. Beals	22.87
Helen Brown	6.00
Lewis Hanson	24.65
Madaleen Leighton	8.25
Thetis Scruton	2.95
Harry Parshley	9.38
A. W. Neilsen	5.00
Myrl Lund	4.50
Cecil Foss	16.00
Maico Boston Co.	11.25
Alberton Berry	18.00
Hattie Foss	10.00
	\$ 264.23

Medical Inspection:

Myrtle Fletcher	\$ 354.50
Everett Sackett	20.93
Edson Eastman	3.42
	\$ 378.85

Transportation:

Virgil Scribner	\$ 1,500.00
Lewis Hanson	3,094.00
Herbert Clark	3,414.50
	\$ 8,008.50

Tuition:

High School	\$ 7,265.17
Elementary	5,898.29
	\$ 13,163.46

Other Special Activities:

Milton Bradley Co.	\$ 13.02
Other Fixed Charges:	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 332.00
Frederick N. Timm	26.48
District contribution to retirement	366.69
	\$ 725.17

New Equipment:

Harveys' Home Appliances	\$ 200.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	13.50
	\$ 213.50

Payments on Principal of Debt:

Merchants National Bank	\$ 2,000.00
Payments of Interest on Debt:	
Merchants National Bank	\$ 25.00
Merchants National Bank	12.50
	\$ 37.50

Total Receipts	\$ 36,963.23
Total Payments	35,008.67

Balance on hand, July 1, 1953	\$ 1,954.56
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* Salary of Superintendent, 1952-1953 (Chapter 243, Sec. 5, N. H. Laws of 1953) Northwood-\$498.74; Farmington-\$1,451.55; Barrington-\$378.66; Epsom-\$275.40; Lee-\$180.10; Nottingham-\$270.60; Strafford-\$344.89; State of N. H. (per capita tax)-\$2,275.00 TOTAL \$5,675.00.

HELEN BROWN,
MADALEEN LEIGHTON,
THETIS SCRUTON,

School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

For the Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952	\$ 188.55
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$ 33,843.91
Balance of Previous Appropriations	1,656.09
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	1,123.56
Received as Income from Trust Funds	25.00
Received from all Other Sources	126.12
Total Receipts	\$ 36,774.68
Total amount available for Fiscal Year	\$ 36,963.23
Less School Board Orders Paid	35,008.67
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953	\$ 1,954.56

ESTHER R. HENDERSON,
District Treasurer.

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

JOHN W. SCRIBNER,
WALTON A. STILES,

Auditors.

July 6, 1953.

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N.H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth 1953	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex No. of Child Color	Name of Father
Feb. 24	Rochester	Sharon Gail Karowski	F 1 W	Theodore Frederick Kanowski
Apr. 26	Rochester	Martha Vernice Leighton	F 3 W	Roger Stephen Leighton
June 12	Rochester	Wayne Thomas Chadbourn	M 6 W	Robert Lloyd Chadbourn
June 18	Rochester	Jan Thorne	F 3 W	Gerald Ernest Thorne
July 1	Rochester	Danny Errol Clark	M 1 W	Errol Dexter Clark
July 2	Rochester	Debra Hodges	F 2 W	Robert William Hodges
July 3	Rochester	Jane Gleigh Bonnell	F 3 W	James Alton Bunnell
July 19	Rochester	Bruce Robert Nelson	M 6 W	William John Nelson
Aug. 11	Rochester	Kristin Hammersmith	F 2 W	Harris Hammersmith, Jr.
Oct. 7	Rochester	Katrina Jean Hilliard	F 5 W	Allan Vernon Hilliard
Nov. 25	Rochester	Randolph William Dudley, Jr.	M 12 W	Randolph William Dudley

Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jean Elizabeth Goodwin	Strafford Bow Lake	General Electric	Norwalk, Ct.	Portsmouth, Va.
Margaret Justine Riddervold	Strafford Bow Lake	County Forester	Strafford, N. H.	Oslo, Norway
Viva Belle Caverly	Strafford Bow Lake	Cook	Eastham, Mass.	Strafford, N. H.
Laura Mae Peterson	Strafford Bow Lake	United Tanners	Northwood, N. H.	Three Forks, Montana
Erma Joyce Messenger	Center Strafford	U. S. Army	Strafford, N. H.	Malden, Mass.
Theresa Foss	Strafford Bow Lake	Tannery	Hanover, N. H.	Rochester, N. H.
Avis Suzanne Welch	Strafford Bow Lake	Mechanic	Colebrook, N. H.	Hampstead, N. H.
Elsie Norman	Strafford Bow Lake	Works in woods	Malden, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
Christine Nelson	Center Strafford	Farmer	Houston, Texas	Center Strafford, N. H.
Marvis Gardner Cooper	Strafford	Radio Mechanic	Hillsboro, N. H.	Henniker, N. H.
Helen Annie Caverly	Strafford Bow Lake	Works in woods	Deerfield, N. H.	Strafford Bow Lake, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TRESSA P. NELSON, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Marriage 1953	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in years Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of persons by whom married
Apr. 26 West Newton, Mass.	Delmar Winkley Goodwin	Center Strafford Newton, Mass.	38 W	Schoolteacher	Dover, N. H.	Frank E. Goodwin Mabel T. Tuttle	S	Robert Clyde Yarbrough West Newton, Mass. Clergyman
May 23 Rochester, N. H.	Hortense Lovejoy Roger Fay Waterman	Strafford, N. H. Rochester	20 W 59 W	At home Lumber operator	Newton, Mass. Michigan	George M. Lovejoy Margaret King	S	Fred W. Hall, Jr. Rochester, N. H. Justice of Peace
June 6 Rochester, N. H.	Edna Louise Fogg Herbert Spencer Dickinson	Rochester Rochester	32 W 26 W	At home Painter	New Hamp. New Hamp.	John R. Waterman Unknown Amelia Mary Marcotte George Frederick Dickinson	D W	Floyd O. Kinsley Rochester, N. H. Clergyman
July 26 Center Strafford, N. H.	Priscilla Marie Marple Lester Elverton Huckins	Strafford Bow Lake, Center Strafford	18 W 21 W	Secretary Farmer	Mass. New Hamp.	Arthur Ezekiel Marple Agnes Marie Jurent Kuff Fred Elverton Huckins	S	Rev. Lester C. Holmes Alfred, Me. Baptist Clergyman
Aug. 8 E. Rochester, N. H.	Bertha Lee Messenger Georg Fred Crisp Barbara Ann Gilmore	Center Strafford Strafford E. Rochester	18 W 20 W 20 W	Clerk Meter Reader Clerk	Mass. Mass. New Hamp.	Lona Sophia Libby Herbert Lee Messenger Edith Doris Murphy Frederick George Crisp Augusta Margaret Seeger William Lynn Gilmore Mary Frances Witham	S S S	Robert Henry Eason E. Rochester, N. H. Ordained Elder of Methodist Church

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
TRESSA P. NELSON, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex			Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
					Years Mos. Days	Color	Mar., Wid.				
Jan. 8	New Durham	Brenda Hodges	0	Rochester	6	F	W S	Carpenter	Robert Hodges	Theresa Foss	Bronchopneumonia
Jan. 27	Pittsfield	Fred William Roberts	73	Strafford	...	M	W S		John Roberts	Mary Robinson	Cerebral Thrombosis
Feb. 8	Rochester	Clifford Herbert Hall	5	Sturteville, Mass.	...	M	W S		Arthur H. Hall	Virginia Grace	Pneumococcal Meningitis
Feb. 19	Strafford	Fredrick William Rogers	82	Boston, Mass.	...	M	W S	Farmer, retired	Andrew Rogers	Mary Ann King	Coronary Sclerosis
Mar. 17	Dover	Effie Jane Yeaton	8	Strafford	...	F	W S	Housewife	John T. Berry	Sarah Abbott	Cardio-Renal Disease
Mar. 29	Rochester	Bert Bickford	67	New Durham	...	M	W S	Farmer	Charles Bickford	Mary Downs	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Apr. 18	Rochester	John V. Scruton	64	Strafford	...	M	W S	Farmer	Herbert Scruton	Laura Yeaton	Bilateral Bronchopneumonia
Apr. 22	Rochester	Addie Kelley Thorne	59	Deerfield	...	F	W W	Postmistress	Charles Kelley	Mary Lang	Myocardial Infarction
May 22	Strafford	Fred Earl Hatch	57	Dover	...	M	W D	Painter	Fred I. Hatch	Alice A. Meader	Heart Disease
May 30	Strafford	Leonard C. Walker	39	Greenfield	...	M	W S	Truck Driver	John Walker	Bertina M. Staples	Fracture of Neck
May 19	Hartford, Vt.	Roscoe H. Foss	55	Strafford	...	M	W S	Woodman	William Foss	Hattie Varney	Carcinoma of mediastinum
June 18	Concord	Charles Millet Foss	81	Strafford	...	M	W S	Farmer & Laborer	William Foss	Abbie Winkley	Generalized arteriosclerosis
June 14	Rochester	Sherman Elmer Phillips	76	Wash. Plant., Me.	...	M	W M	Mill worker	David N. Phillips	Abbie L. Green	Carcinomatosis of
June 19	Haverhill, Mass.	Byron I. Woodman	81	Strafford Bow Lake	...	M	W M	Retired shoemaker	David Woodman	Eliza G. Land	undiscovered carcinoma
July 2	Manchester	Nettie Wallace Berry	85	N. H.	...	F	W D	Housewife	Oliver Woodman	Anna I. Morrill	Fractured left hip
July 6	Center Strafford	Edwin F. Nelson	86	Rochester	...	M	W D	Retired Farmer	Joseph Dudley Nelson	Martha Furber	Prostatic Cancer
Aug. 12	Dover	Lillian Page Harvey	80	Gonic	...	F	W W	Retired Nurse	Samuel F. Page	Hannah Harvey	Carcinoma of Brain
Aug. 13	Center Strafford	John A. Kelley	68	Auburn	...	M	W W	Woodman	John A. Kelley	Elizabeth A. Mowes	Concussion of Brain
Sept. 11	Manchester	William Alonzo Merrill	75	Canada	...	M	W D	Mgr. Sugar Warehouse	Alonzo T. Merrill	Emice Lacy	Coronary Thrombosis
Dec. 28	Rochester	Eugene A. Tuttle	78	Alton	...	M	W D	Retired Gardener	Stephen Tuttle	Not Known	Generalized Arteriosclerosis

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RESSA P. NELSON, Town Clerk.

